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logarithms, the author's own extension of this definition to complex quantities, and a very complete graphical representation of the analogy between circular and hyperbolic functions. We think it safe to say that both the teacher and the student of mathematics will find the book eminently pleasing and stimulating.

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Economic Geology of the United States. By Professor RALPH S. TARR of the Cornell University. New York: Macmillan & Co.

This volume as noted in the preface was prepared as "a textbook to accompany a series of lectures given by the author to a class in economic geology at Cornell university." The geological aspects of the subject are emphasized and the author says frankly that the work is in many parts a compilation, though by brief abstract, rather than by quotation. Part I, filling 115 pages, consists of introductory chapters treating of the common minerals, the rocks of the earth's crust, the outline geography and geology of the United States, and the origin of ore deposits.

These chapters contain some restatements of geological principles, which, though necessarily brief, are excellent; as on page 28, the discrimination of terms applied to the sedimentary rocks, and the discussion of the geological time-scale beginning on page 43. The same may be said of the summarized geological history of the United States, pages 65-71.

Part II deals with the metalliferous deposits. Under each head, the classes of ore, their origin, mode of occurrence, uses, distribution, and productions are lucidly treated. Part III takes up the non-metallic mineral products, as coal, petroleum, natural gas, asphaltum; building stones and cements; soils, clays, and fertilizers; precious stones and abrasive materials. The appendix gives a short account of the literature of economic geology. Professor Tarr's book is the third in this special field, for which Cornell may receive credit: Professor S. G. Williams's smaller work, having been followed recently by Professor Kemp's "Ore Deposits," the materials for which were largely gathered at Cornell as well as at Columbia.

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The English Religious Drama. By KATHERINE LEE BATES, Wellesley College. New York: Macmillan & Co.

It is with pleasure that we commend the book whose title we have given above. It is one that may well serve as a bright and winning introduction to the earliest English drama. A subject,